ത്തുനിന്നും കിഴക്കോട്ടു പുഴ വരെ ഒരു വഴിവെളരെ പുരാതനമായി ഉണ്ടല്ലൊ. ഈ പാതയിൽനിന്നും പല്ലിശ്ശേരിക്കു നാലു കൊല്ലം മുമ്പു ഒരു പാതയുണ്ടാക്കിട്ടുമുണ്ടു. ഈ പാത ഒരു പള്ളിവരെമാത്രം വണ്ടികൾക്കു ഗതാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു സൌകര്യപ്പെടുത്തീട്ടുള്ള വിവരം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടു അറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടൊ? അതിനപ്പുറം പുഴവരെ വണ്ടികൾക്കു ഗതാഗത സൌകര്യമില്ലാത്ത വിവരം ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടറിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടൊ? ഈ വഴികൊണ്ടു വളരെ ഹിന്ദുക്കൾക്കും കച്ചവടക്കാർക്കും ഉപയോഗമില്ലെ? ഈ വഴി കൂടി നന്നാക്കി കിട്ടുണമെന്ന ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടിനു ഹരജികൾ കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടൊ? ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ എത്ര ഹരജികളാണെന്നും എന്തു നടപടികളാണു നടത്തീട്ടുള്ളതെന്നും ദയവായി പറയാമൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ.—ഈ ഘോഷത്തിൽ സൂചിപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന വഴിപ്പണി ഗവർമ്മേണ്ടനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടു. പണി ഇപ്പോൾ നടന്നു വരുന്നു.

Infant stage of the Council.

100. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government kindly state:—

(1) what it is they really meant by publishing in the Gazette that the Cochin Legislative Council is still only in its *infant* stage;

(2) whether there is any definite period of time fixed by the Government, without passing which, the Council cannot be considered to have completed its *infant* stage; if there is, what is the period?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) The real meaning is what is usually understood. It is not capable of further elucidation.

(2) No time-limit is fixed.

Grant of further powers to the Legislative Council.

101. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform with reference to the Diwan's Proceedings (Order Dis. No. 64/R/1104, dated 25th May 1929) on the resolution passed by the Legislative Council on 12th April 1929;

(a) the reasons which led the Government to think that the time has not come 'for the grant of a further instalment of powers';

(b) what are the conditions to be satisfied for granting a further instalment of powers?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) and (b). Government cannot make the matter clearer than what they have stated in the D. P. referred to.

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Were there any reasons for the Government to make this statement?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—It is not in the question. I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—What are the conditions to be satisfied in order to grant a further instalment of powers?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The answer is definite that 'Government cannot make the matter clearer than what they have stated in the D. P. referred to'.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government say what further things the Council should do in order to get further instalment of powers?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The mentality is made clear in the D. P. We have nothing more to add.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It is for getting further information.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—No further information can be had upon this excepting the answer given.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not want to interfere. I want to know whether we ever asked for any further instalment that is referred to in the question. I am not putting that as a question. I am only bringing to your notice that it was published in the Gazette. Why was publicity given? It is said that we asked for further instalment of powers. I want to know whether we asked for further instalment of powers. We never asked.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—On what ground did the Government come to conclude that this Council asked for a further instalment of powers from that resolution?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The question and answer are clear. I cannot further elucidate upon these.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to state what part of the resolution referred to the fact that we asked for a further instalment of powers?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I have said what I have to say.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government are now in possession of the resolution?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I have nothing more to say.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I just want to know whether the Government have got papers connected with that resolution?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—They could not have been lost.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Whether the Government at present

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have got the papers with them, in the Council Hall? Jus refer to it.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I must look up whether the resolution is here. The question did not inform me that I should be prepared with this resolution. So, if you want it on another occasion and if you give notice, all these papers will be brought.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I just want him to tell this Council whether he is in possession of the resolution.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If you cannot understand me,.....

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I can understand only if it is louder.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—If you ask me previously to get that paper here, I can do it. I never thought that that paper is necessary to-day.

Scope and objects of the Legislative Council.

102. Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it proposes to adhere to the sentiments expressed by the Diwan, Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon, on the occasion of the inauguration of the First Council, about the scope and objects of the Council, or has the Government adopted any change of policy in the matter?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Government follow and adhere to the policy underlying the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation and Rules framed thereunder and the sentiments expressed by H. H. the Maharaja in His gracious address to the Council at the time of its inauguration.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—I find in the answer a distinction made as regards the two parts contained in my question. My question was "whether it proposes to adhere to the sentiments expressed by the Diwan, Rao Bahadur P. Narayana Menon,on the occasion of the inauguration of the First Council, about the scope and objects of the Council, or has the Government adopted any change of policy in the matter." That point has not been answered really. May I know if it is an omission, or if the Government wanted to make any inference? That portion of the question was specifically on that matter.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Government thought that the sentiments expressed by Diwan, Mr. Narayana Menon, were only a sort of a running commentary on the gracious utterances of His Highness. Therefore, Government thought it advisable to give prominence to this and not to the other in the answer.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Am I to understand that Gov

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